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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

**KENNETH J. SPEAR, et al.**

Serial No. 08/982,694

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A. Whitcomb  
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Group Art Unit: 3642

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Examiner: Unknown

Title: HOSE STORAGE DEVICE

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September 25, 1998

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached is form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed document.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 50539/243755 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Rule 17(p) Office Fee required by Rule 97(c) in lieu of certification is filed herewith. Should that fee be missing or inadequate, please charge the deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 50539/243755 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

Should a final rejection or Notice of Allowance have been issued on the same day as or before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, please consider this a Petition under Rule 97(d) (ii), charge the petition fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 50539/243775 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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